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TAGS: PDIP, PFOR, AO, US

SUBJECT: ANGOLAN NORMALIZATION

REF: STATE 49212; LISBON 2232 (ALL NOTAL)

1. ----- WE HAVE AGREED TO SUPPORT
NIGERIAN EFFORT TO MEDIATE ZAIRE-ANGOLA DISPUTE AND HAVE
AUTHORIZED NIGERIANS TO TELL NETO WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON NORMALIZATION WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS
PROVIDED PROGRESS IS MADE WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT PROBLEM
REGARDING ZAIRE. IN VIEW OF THIS NEW INITIATIVE, YOU
SHOULD CONTINUE TO HOLD OFF ON GOING BACK TO FERREIRA.

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2. WE READ WITH INTEREST SOARES' CONVERSATION WITH
LOWENSTEIN REPORTED LISBON 2232. WE APPRECIATE SOARES'
CONCERN OVER POTENTIAL SPILLOVER EFFECT ON PORTUGAL OF
CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS AND ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO TRY TO
DEFUSE SITUATION. YOU MAY SHARE WITH HIM SUGGESTIONS WE
MADE TO MOBUTU CONCERNING ZAIRE'S DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVES
(STATE 60205 BEING REPEATED LISBON), AND TELL HIM THAT

3ELGIANS AND FRENCH HAVE BEEN THINKING ALONG SAME LINES.
WE WOULD, OF

COURSE, WELCOME SOARES' FURTHER THOUGHTS ON EXACTLY WHICH
ELEMENTS, IN HIS VIEW, COULD "CHANGE THE SITUATION".

3. YOU MAY ALSO TELL SOARES THAT AT MOBUTU'S REQUEST,
NIGERIA IS ATTEMPTING TO MEDIATE SITUATION AND HAS ASKED
FOR OUR SUPPORT, WHICH WE HAVE EXTENDED. AS PART OF THIS
EFFORT, NIGERIA IS CONVEYING TO NETO OUR READINESS TO BE-
GIN DISCUSSIONS PROVIDED THERE IS PROGRESS ON THE ZAIRE
SITUATION. IF SOARES SUGGESTS THAT HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL
BY ALSO WEIGHING IN WITH NETO, YOU SHOULD BE NON-COMMITTAL
AND INFORM DEPT PROMPTLY.

4. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS SOARES
MIGHT HAVE ON SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL ACTIONS HE BELIEVES IT
MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR US TO TAKE.
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